FROM THE DEAN’S DESK:

Science and engineering fair judges report a 15-year decline in the quality of information resources cited in student projects. Students rely more and more on the Internet, without due regard to the breadth, accuracy and/or credibility of their sources. But see www.lib.fit.edu/pubs/scifair, Fair Way: Your Guide to Brevard County Research. Kathy Turner and Debra Blenis created this site in 2004 with an inaugural grant of $800 from the Academic Information Technology Committee, using the Internet itself to counter some of its negative impacts on student research. “The presentation [on Fair Way and Evans Library resources], and the use of FIT’s resources was a boon for my students,” reports one local science research teacher. “Twenty-two of my twenty-seven students placed at regional fair last year.” Fair Way will grow, with additional support, to include resources from other Florida counties; awards for projects demonstrating scholarly and diversity of resources cited; and new features such as a discussion list and abstracts of winning projects.

“During the time it takes you to read this sentence, 50,000 12-ounce aluminum cans are made. Because so many of them are recycled, aluminum cans account for less than 1% of the total U.S. waste stream, according to EPA estimates. Recycling one aluminum can saves enough energy to run a TV for three hours - or the equivalent of a half a gallon of gasoline.”

-Source: http://members.aol.com/ramola15/funfacts.html

LIBRARY DISPLAYS

Continuing in the Evans Library is a lobby display on “The Arts”. Featured are information resources on musical and visual arts. Touchable wood sculptures by Florida Tech’s own Larry Buist are nearby. Web counterparts of Library displays are part of a LINK archive at www.lib.fit.edu/pubs/librarydisplays.

Coming soon are two new displays. A first-floor lobby exhibit will highlight the good news and the not-so-good news about “Recycling Reality”. In partnership with Brevard County’s Solid Waste Management Department, Evans Library will showcase books, government documents, journals, and more, dealing with the facts and figures of recycling. Included will be by-products of blue jeans, money, and plastic soda bottles, in the context of behavior and finances, chemical compositions and environmental surroundings. The third floor will launch a new government documents display in mid-October on patents.

DID YOU KNOW?

A major shift of the second-floor periodicals is underway to accommodate growth in the collection. This daunting task requires the relocation of over 2 miles worth of materials! The Evans Library sincerely thanks the periodicals student assistants and those from other areas of the library who are carrying out this important and time-consuming task.

- Native American proverb

“Treat the earth well. It was not given to you by your parents; it was loaned to you by your children.”

Student Assistants David Hinchee and Aaron Baker work at re-shelving thousands of journals.

OCTOBER HOURS

On Monday, October 9, the library will be closed for a campus holiday.

Otherwise, the Library will be open normal semester hours.

Those are:

Monday – Thursday
8:00 a.m. – 12:00 a.m.

Friday
8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Saturday
9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Sunday
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 a.m.

LATEST AND GREATEST

Visit the LINK’s Library News to find out about the latest materials and Internet sites that have been added to library collections.

NOVEMBER 1st DEADLINE

Faculty are reminded that requests for new materials to be added to the collection are due Wednesday, November 1st. Any questions may be directed to departmental library liaisons or the affiliated Information Advocates.

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